

Frequently Asked Questions about the Reauthorization of Federally Extended Benefits

Recently the United States Congress reauthorized federally extended benefits. Below are answers to some of the most common questions.

How do I know if I'm collecting federally extended benefits?

When you log into Uplink, Indiana's online filing system, your "Claimant Homepage" will appear. Under the heading "Program" in the middle of the page is listed "UI" and "EEUC". If to the right of "EEUC", under the heading "Status" reads "Open", you are receiving federally extended benefits.

Did Congress make any changes to the federally extended benefits?

No. Unemployed Hoosiers may still be eligible for a maximum of 63 weeks of unemployment benefits. Your weekly benefit amount will not change as a result of the reauthorization. Those who have previously exhausted state regular unemployment benefits and the federally extended benefits (a maximum of 63 weeks), are not eligible for any further weeks of benefits.

What should I do to make sure benefit payments are not interrupted?

In order to receive payments on time and to make sure there are no issues with any claims or vouchers, the Indiana Department of Workforce Development (DWD) advises all eligible Hoosiers to check their homepage on Uplink once a day for the next few weeks and respond to any links requiring more information to be provided for a claim or voucher. All links requesting further information must be completed before benefits are paid.

If I've exhausted regular unemployment benefits, how do I file for federally extended benefits?

If you are eligible for federally extended unemployment benefits a link will appear on your Uplink homepage. You must click on the link and provide all requested information to file your claim. After your claim has been processed, weekly vouchers will appear on your Uplink homepage. Complete these vouchers as you have in the past.

How will I know if I'm eligible for federally extended benefits?

A link will appear on your Uplink homepage allowing you to file a claim for federally extended benefits. You must click on the link and provide all requested information to file your claim. After your claim has been processed, weekly vouchers will appear on your Uplink homepage. Complete these vouchers as you have in the past.

If I've already exhausted state regular benefits and federally extended benefits (maximum of 63 weeks) am I eligible for any further benefits?

No. Unemployed Hoosiers are eligible for a maximum of 63 weeks of benefits.